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PARIS PLEASE PASS JULES KATZ, DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY

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SUBJECT: COFFEE -- PRESS RELEASE ON COFFEE EXPORTS

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1. THE INTERNATIONAL COFFEE ORGANIZATION (ICO) ON MAY 11 ISSUED A PRESS RELEASE INDICATING COFFEE HAS BEEN MOVING TO MARKET AT HIGH LEVELS SO FAR THIS YEAR DESPITE THE SERIOUS EFFECT OF LAST YEAR'S FROST IN BRAZIL ON CURRENT YEAR PRODUCTION FOR THAT PRODUCER. ANNEXED TO RELEASE, PROVIDING EXPORT DATA BY COUNTRY, WERE TWO TABLES FROM ICO DOCUMENT EB 1428/76, SENT DEPARTMENT BY REPAIR.

2. FULL TEXT OF RELEASE FOLLOWS:

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THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE INTERNATIONAL COFFEE ORGANIZATION, MR. A. F. BELTRAO, TODAY RELEASED STATISTICS ON THE EXPORTS OF EXPORTING MEMBERS OF THE ORGANIZATION TO ALL DESTINATIONS DURING THE PERIOD JANUARY-MARCH 1976 AND THE TWELVE MONTH PERIOD ENDING 31 MARCH 1976 TOGETHER WITH THE CORRESPONDING STATISTICS FOR THE SAME PERIODS DURING THE PAST SIX YEARS. THE FORTY-TWO EXPORTING MEMBERS OF THE ORGANIZATION ACCOUNT FOR OVER 99 PERCENT OF THE WORLD'S EXPORTS OF COFFEE.

THE RELEVANT STATISTICS ARE:

REPORTED EXPORTS OF EXPORTING MEMBERS TO ALL DESTINATIONS

(000 BAGS)

APRIL - MARCH (1969-1970-1975/76)

(FULL YEAR)

| | TOTAL | BRAZIL | OTHER MEMBERS |
|---------|--------|--------|---------------|
| 1969/70 | 54,611 | 18,990 | 35,621 |
| 1970/71 | 50,695 | 15,646 | 35,049 |
| 1971/72 | 55,524 | 20,345 | 35,179 |
| 1972/73 | 60,865 | 19,175 | 41,690 |
| 1973/74 | 62,370 | 19,658 | 42,712 |
| 1974/75 | 51,793 | 12,265 | 39,528 |
| 1975/76 | 59,495 | 13,963 | 45,532 |

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JANUARY-MARCH (1970 TO 1976)
(3 MONTHS)

| | TOTAL | BRAZIL | OTHER MEMBERS |
|------|------------|--------|---------------|
| 1970 | 13,801 | 4,013 | 9,788 |
| 1971 | 11,711 | 2,574 | 9,137 |
| 1972 | 13,671 | 4,520 | 9,152 |
| 1973 | 16,578 | 4,480 | 12,098 |
| 1974 | 16,278 | 4,321 | 11,957 |
| 1975 | 13,214 | 3,306 | 9,908 |
| 1976 | 14,921(\$) | 2,665 | 12,256(\$) |

(\$) PRELIMINARY INCLUDES ESTIMATES

MR. BELTRAO SAID THAT THESE STATISTICS SHOWED THAT EXPORTS WERE RUNNING AT A HIGH LEVEL ESPECIALLY FROM COUNTRIES OTHER THAN BRAZIL. BRAZIL WAS IN A SPECIAL SITUATION BECAUSE IT WAS RECOVERING FROM THE EFFECTS OF THE FROST IN JULY 1975. EVEN SO THE EXPORTS OF BRAZIL

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WERE HIGHER IN THE TWELVE MONTH PERIOD ENDING ON 31 MARCH 1976 THAN IN THE CORRESPONDING PERIOD ENDING 1 MARCH 1975.

BOLIVIA, CAMEROON, COLOMBIA, DOMINICAN REPUBLIC, ECUADOR, EL SALVADOR, HAITI, HONDURAS, INDONESIA, IVORY COAST, MADAGASCAR, MEXICO, PARAGUAY, TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO EXPORTED MORE IN THE TWELVE MONTH PERIOD ENDING ON 31 MARCH 1976 THAN IN ANY OF THE CORRESPONDING PERIODS DURING THE PAST SIX YEARS.

3. COMMENT: AN EXAMINATION OF THE DETAILED EXPORT DATA INDICATES THAT, FOR THE 12 MONTH PERIOD, PRODUCING COUNTRIES OF ALL FOUR OF THE MAJOR GROUPS OF COFFEE EXPORTED MORE IN THE LATEST PERIOD (1975/76) THAN IN THE IMMEDIATELY PRECEDING ONE (1974/75). IF PERFORMANCE DURING THE FIRST QUARTER OF 1976 IS COMPARED WITH A SIMILAR PERIOD IN 1975, ONLY ONE GROUP, UNWASHED ARABICAS (BRAZIL'S) LAGGED THIS YEAR. THE OTHER MILDS GROUP (MOSTLY CENTRAL AMERICA) AND COLOMBIA MILDS (COLOMBIA, KENYA, TANZANIA) SENT MORE COFFEE TO MARKET

IN THIS QUARTER THAN IN ANY SIMILAR PERIOD IN THE
PREVIOUS SIX YEARS. WITHIN THE OTHER MILDS GROUP,
OVER THE 12 MONTH PERIOD, EL SALVADOR EXPORTED 2,980
THOUSAND BAGS, AND HONDURAS 728,000 BAGS, CONSIDER-
ABLY MORE THAN AT ANYTIME IN THE PREVIOUS SIX YEARS,
BUT BOTH COUNTRIES EXPORTED LESS IN THE FIRST QUARTER
OF 1976 THAN IN THE SIMILAR 1975 PERIOD.

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